

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Walter Kaufman, and we are richer because Walter lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Walter was born on August 5, 1905, to Jacob C. and Anna (Gering) Kaufman; and,

Whereas, Walter married Anna Miller on October 1, 1931, and to this union four children were born: Duane, Gene, LeAnne, and Loren, who presented them with nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Walter farmed in the Marion-Freeman area until retiring to Freeman in 1974; and,

Whereas, Walter is the last surviving charter member of the former East Freeman Band; and,

Whereas, Walter will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2005, as

WALTER KAUFMAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State